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REMARKS

Claims 16-20 are now pending in the application. Claims 11-15 have been canceled. In light of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to on the basis that the drawings do not include the reference number 84, which is discussed in the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this typographical error. The "rotor shaft" should correspond to reference number 24, rather than 84. This typographical error has been corrected by changing 84 to 24 in the relevant portion of the specification.

The drawings were objected to on the basis that the drawings do not include the reference number 102, which is discussed in the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this oversight. Reference number 102 has been added to Figure 10 in the proposed drawing amendments submitted herewith.

The drawings were objected to on the basis that the drawings do not include the reference number 192, which is discussed in the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that original Figure 11 does include reference number 192. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this portion of the Examiner's objection be withdrawn.

The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 26' in Figure 1 is not mentioned in the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this oversight. Reference number 26' has been removed from Figure 1 in the proposed drawing amendments submitted herewith.

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The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 14 is referred to in the specification as both an "axial portion" and an "elongate portion." Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this inconsistency. For consistency, line 30 of page 2 of the specification has been amended to recite "axial portion 14" rather than "elongate portion 14."

The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 43 is used to refer to both "the end 43 of the conductor 40" (page 9, line 23) and also "the radial portion 43" (page 11, line 18). Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this inconsistency. The specification has been amended to delete the reference number 43 at line 23 of page 9 in order to clarify that reference number 43 refers to the radial portion of the first sectioned member.

The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 46 is used to designate both the groove and the conductor channel. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this inconsistency. The specification has been amended to replace each occurrence of "groove 46" with "conductor channel 46." Applicant's attorney has also amended line 25 of page 14 to clarify that contact is made "between the surface of the conductor channel 46 and at least one of the plurality of slip springs."

The drawings were objected to on the basis reference number 44 is used to designate both the second sectioned member and the groove. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this inconsistency. The specification has been amended at line 1 of page 15 to clarify that "The width of the conductor channel 46 is preferably greater than the corresponding cross sectional width of the radial portion 43 of the first sectioned member 42."

The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 163 is used to designate both the radial portion and the axial portion. Applicant thanks the Examiner for

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identifying this inconsistency. The specification has been amended at line 17 of page 17 to replace "axial portion 163" with "axial portion 161."

The drawings were objected to on the basis that reference number 166 is used to designate both the second sectioned conductor and the bore. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying this inconsistency. The specification has been amended at lines 9, 10 and 26 of page 17 to clarify that reference number 166 refers to the second sectioned conductor channel.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-20 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, if amended to include the limitations of any intervening claims. In order to hasten prosecution of the application, claims 11-15 have been canceled and claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 11.

With regard to the rejections of claims 11 and 13 based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, the rejections are made irrelevant by the cancellation of claims 11 and 13. In amended claim 16 (which incorporates language from claim 11), the preamble of claim 11 has been modified to clarify that the claim apparatus is "A sectioned conductor for accommodating stress forces" Applicant respectfully submits that the elements in the body of claim 16 clarify how the goal of accommodating stress forces is accomplished.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 16-20. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. The commissioner is hereby

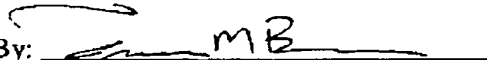
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